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HIBBARD NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NEW PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

BOSTON – With the approval of Governor Deval Patrick, Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles has named Paul Hibbard chairman of the Commonwealth Utilities Commission, effective April 11, 2007.

Created by the Governor's Article 87 Cabinet Reorganization Bill, which passed both houses of the Legislature in February by unanimous roll call votes, the three-member Commonwealth Utilities Commission oversees the Department of Public Utilities, the new regulatory agency responsible principally for energy matters.

"We face major challenges – and opportunities – in energy. We must address the high cost of energy for our state while setting ourselves on a new path toward a clean energy future. Getting the incentives right for businesses, residential customers, and utilities is fundamental," said Governor Patrick. "Reconstituting the utility regulatory body was the first step in that process, and appointing as chairman someone of Paul Hibbard's caliber is step two."

Hibbard is a Vice President at Analysis Group, a Boston-based firm, where he has consulted to foundations, government agencies, and electricity and gas companies on market structure, energy resource planning and development, and economic and environmental policy. He previously served the Commonwealth for nearly 10 years, working at both the Department of Telecommunication and Energy and the Department of Environmental Protection. He holds a master's degree in energy and resources from the University of California–Berkeley, and a bachelor's degree in physics from the University of Massachusetts–Amherst. Hibbard lives in Boxford with his wife, Lucy Johnston, and their three children, Dawson, Emma, and Leon.

"I am proud to have Paul Hibbard lead this vital agency," said Secretary Bowles. "He has the skills, insights and experience to align the utility regulatory system with the policy objectives of lowering energy costs, unleashing the potential of energy efficiency, and bringing more renewable power to market – while maintaining the Commonwealth's strong commitment to competition."

Governor Patrick's Cabinet reorganization bill replaced the Department of Telecommunications and Energy with the Department of Public Utilities, and moved it into the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

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